

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An upright electric piano ~~A keyboard instrument~~ in which a plurality of keys are arranged on a keybed, and a plurality of actions are arranged in connection with the plurality of keys respectively, said upright electric piano ~~keyboard instrument~~ comprising:

a pedal link mechanism including a pedal lever for transmitting operation of a pedal, arranged on a base board of the housing, to at least one of the plurality of actions; and

a keybed reinforcing member that is arranged under the keybed so as to pivotally support the pedal lever thereunder wherein the pedal lever mechanism is connected to the keybed via the keybed reinforcing member.

2. (Currently Amended) An upright electric piano ~~A keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 1, wherein the keybed is arranged approximately at a center portion of a housing.

3. (Currently Amended) An upright electric piano ~~A keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of wedge-like members are put into a space between the keybed and the keybed reinforcing member, so that the keybed reinforcing member and the plurality of wedge-like members are integrally fixed together with the keybed by use of screws.

4. (Currently Amended) An upright electric piano ~~A keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 1, wherein one end of the pedal lever is interconnected with the pedal via a hanging bolt.

5. (Currently Amended) An upright electric piano ~~A keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 4, wherein the other end of the pedal lever is interconnected with a vertical link interlocked with at least one of the actions.

6. (Currently Amended) A pedal link mechanism adapted to an upright electric piano ~~a keyboard instrument~~ in which a plurality of keys arranged on a keybed are interlocked with a plurality of actions (50) in a housing, comprising:

- a pedal arranged on a base board of the housing;
- a keybed reinforcing member fixed to a lower surface of the keybed; and
- a pedal lever, one end of which is interconnected with the pedal and which is pivotally supported under the keybed reinforcing member wherein the pedal lever mechanism is connected to the keybed via the keybed reinforcing member.

7. (Currently Amended) A pedal link mechanism adapted to an upright electric piano in which a plurality of keys arranged on a keybed are interlocked with a plurality of actions (50) in a housing, comprising:

- a pedal arranged on a base board of the housing;
- a keybed reinforcing member fixed to a lower surface of the keybed; and
- a pedal lever, one end of which is interconnected with the pedal and which is pivotally supported under the keybed reinforcing member wherein the pedal lever mechanism is connected to the keybed via the keybed reinforcing member

~~The pedal link mechanism adapted to a keyboard instrument according to claim 6 further comprising a pedal lever support board that is fixedly attached to a lower surface of the keybed reinforcing member so as to pivotally support the pedal lever interlocked with the pedal via a hanging bolt.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The pedal link mechanism adapted to an upright electric piano ~~a keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 7, wherein the other end of the pedal lever is interconnected with a vertical link interlocked with at least one of the plurality of actions.

9. (Currently Amended) The pedal link mechanism adapted to an upright electric piano ~~a keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 7 further comprising a

pivotal movement means by which the pedal lever is pivotally supported by the pedal lever support board.

10. (Currently Amended) The pedal link mechanism adapted to an upright electric piano ~~a keyboard instrument~~ according to claim 7 further comprising a plurality of tapered spacers that are put into a space between the keybed and the keybed reinforcing member.